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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

COUNTRY Greece

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1. On the night of 24 June, 602 Italian Communists arrived at Split from Ancona, and were transported from there to Cavtat. These Communists were volunteers for guerilla fighting in Greece. They are reported to have combined forces with other battalions to form a unit of 2,600 Communists.)
2. It is reported that 2,600 guerillas planned to cross the Greek border from Albania on 12 July. This group was said to have been led by Colonel Merandzija. About the same time, 5,500 men were to proceed from Yugoslavia in the direction of Solun under the command of Colonel Pacic and Hadzi Aga. This group was armed with modern weapons received in early June from the Soviet Union via Odessa and Ismail.
Yugoslav Frontier Guard
3. In early July KNOJ Headquarters in Skoplje received 600 machine guns, 26 field pieces, over 200 sub-machine guns, several vehicles, and a large quantity of ammunition. This equipment was reported to be ultimately destined for an "International Brigade" in northern Greece.
4. This International Brigade was composed by nationality in ^{the} following percentages: Yugoslav 26, Italian 16, German 6, French 3, Spanish 7, Russian 7, Albanian 3, Bulgarian 9, Jewish 2, other 11.

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Comment: There is no explanation of the missing 10 percent.)

5. Sixty-five percent of the financial support for the International Brigade is furnished by the Yugoslav Finance Ministry, with the Communist Parties of various other countries supplying the equivalent of 45,000 dinars.

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